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CSLC MND #750

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SECTION 15072-73 CCR & SECTION 21092 PRC)

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations), and State Lands Commission Regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Code of Regulations) for a project application currently being processed by the staff of the California State Lands Commission (CSLC).

Project Title:

Coscol Petroleum Corporation Marine Terminal Deconstruction and

Pipeline Abandonment Project

Project Location:

Contra Costa County, San Pablo Bay, near the City of Hercules

Project Description: Coscol Petroleum Corporation/El Paso Company(formerly Pacific

Refining Company/El Paso Company), seeks authorization from the CSLC to terminate lease PRC 3414.1 and to: Remove the existing Coscol Marine Oil Terminal (MOT), located in San Pablo Bay, that was used for loading and unloading crude oil and petroleum products during operation of the Pacific Refinery (now removed); execute an Abandonment Agreement for the abandonment in place of approximately 1.4 miles of submerged and buried petroleum transfer pipelines and utility conduits that connected the MOT to the Refinery; and abandon in place approximately 160 feet of transfer pipelines, utility conduits and a vault on the Hercules shoreline. The Refinery was built in 1966 and operated for 31 years, ceasing operations in 1997. The land-based portion of the Refinery was decommissioned, dismantled, remediated, and sold to New Pacific Properties in 1997. New Pacific Properties redeveloped the site for housing, a school, commercial use, and open space. The MOT and submerged pipelines in San Pablo Bay were decommissioned and have been under caretaker status since 1997.

Either a copy of the document is attached for your review and comment, or you may review the document at the following CSLC locations below or on CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov.

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This Proposed MND is available for a 30-day review period. All comments must be received by **Thursday**, **April 23**, **2009**, and can be sent to:

California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Ave., Ste 100-South Sacramento, California Attention: Eric Gillies

The Proposed MND will be considered for adoption at a May or June 2009 scheduled meeting of the State Lands Commission. The specific date and location will be determined at a later date. You will be notified of the confirmed date, time, and location at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call Eric Gillies at (916) 574-1897, or via e-mail at gilliee@slc.ca.gov.